

Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes
Jorgenson's Inn and Suites
1720 11th Ave, Helena, MT
January 17-18, 2013

Members in Attendance: Dawn Piazzzi, Bob Stansberry, Sharon Tregidga, Doug Dellwo, Chris Bilant, Vaughn Kauffman, Tia Davis, Theresa Baldry, Diana Tavary, Wendy Studt, Marilyn Davis, Dave Marzolf (Friday only)

Excused Members: Lily Wahl, Doug Robers, Sharon Tregedga (Thursday afternoon), Mick Leary, Edith McClafferty, Jim Marks, Lora Griffin

Non-Members in Attendance: Frank Podobnik, Dick Trerise, Patty Muir, Jan Duiker (Thursday morning only), Anne Rainey, Dale Kimmet, Susan Bailey-Anderson (Thursday), Steve York (Thursday)

Thursday, January 17, 2013

Chairperson Bob Stansberry called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. The Panel members and OPI staff introduced themselves.

The Panel reviewed the Proposed Agenda. Dick Trerise pointed out that Steve York may need to move his presentation time due to Legislative demands. He would be here to give the OPI Report, it just may not be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday. Vaughn Kauffman moved to accept the Proposed Agenda with that caveat, Theresa Baldry seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Proposed Agenda was accepted with the caveat about Steve York's presentation time.

The Panel reviewed the Minutes of the September 13-14, 2012, Panel meeting. Chris Bilant moved to accept the minutes, Sharon Tregedga seconded the motion and the motion passed. The Minutes of the September 13-14, 2012, Panel meeting were accepted as written.

Special Education Division Report

Frank Podobnik discussed staff changes within the special education division. He also talked about the funding issue for the Response to Intervention (RtI) project and how the division was able to make up the shortfall from the State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) not being forward funded this year. Frank pointed out that with the potential upcoming Sequestration, special education will face cuts, no matter what happens, the question is how much. Frank also gave the Panel a website to track bills that are being presented in the Legislature so they could look at some of them that are related to education ([http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0200w\\$.startup](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0200w$.startup)). Frank discussed the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE) meeting he and Dick attended this fall, in which Frank was nominated and elected to be an At-Large member of the NASDSE Board of Directors. The Board consists of a total of eight board members, and of those eight, three are from our Region, and two of those are from Anaconda (Frank and the State Director from Kansas). Lastly, Frank discussed the budget. The division is preparing their state application for IDEA funds which is due on May 10, 2013. It must be posted for public comment for 60 days prior to being submitted.

Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) Report

Susan Bailey-Anderson distributed a Unit Workflow graphic to the Panel. She then discussed the graphic and pointed out the acronym page attached to the back. She pointed out that the School Mental Health Initiative (SMH) has contracted with Erin Butts of the Institute for Educational Research and Services (IERS) at the University of Montana. Susan mentioned that the Montana Behavioral Initiative (MBI) Summer Institute in June will include the SMH conference and the Graduation Matters Montana (GMM) conference as well.

OPI Report

Steve York distributed Superintendent Juneau's Legislative Agenda. He discussed the agenda as well as some bills that are specific to education and special education, including one that would remove the Mental Retardation label from our state law.

Annual Performance Report (APR) to the State Performance Plan (SPP)

Dick Trerise gave an overview of the State Performance Plan and Annual Performance Report and why the office needs to do the SPP and the APR. Dick, Anne Rainey, and Frank Podobnik discussed the data for each of the 20 indicators. For Indicator 6, because it is a baseline reporting year, measurement targets had to be set. Vaughn Kauffman motioned for targets to be set at the baseline percentages (44.9% for Indicator 6A, and 27.7% for Indicator 6B). Doug seconded the motion. After discussion, the vote was taken and the motion passed. At the end of the day, Dick distributed the new draft Improvement Activities table and asked the Panel to read through it tonight for discussion

The Panel adjourned for the day at 3:35 p.m.

Friday, January 18, 2013

Chairperson Bob Stansberry called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Annual Performance Report (APR) to the State Performance Plan (SPP) (Continued)

Dick Trerise and Frank Podobnik finished the discussion of the SPP/APR indicators. Dick then discussed the proposed improvement activities with the Panel and the Panel worked together with OPI Special Education staff to identify which indicators go with which activities.

Dick distributed a letter to the Panel to review regarding their endorsement of the APR (attached to the end of these notes). Vaughn Kauffman motioned to approve the Panel Chairperson signing the letter. Marilyn Davis seconded the motion and the motion passed. The letter was approved and will be finalized by the OPI and signed by Bob Stansberry, Panel Chair.

Call for Public Comments

The Chairperson called for public comments. There were no public comments.

Additional Items

Preview of May Meeting: Joint Meeting Thursday afternoon (May 2, 2013) with CSPD and Part C Advisory Council (FSSAC). John Copenhaver will facilitate that meeting. Thursday and Friday mornings will be updates from OPI projects.

Meeting Dates—Joint Meeting May 2-3, 2013

Summer Meeting has not been scheduled yet – it will be scheduled at the May Meeting.

Panel Agenda Items: Results Driven Accountability

Adjourn

Chris Bilant moved to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Tregidga seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

(Thank you, Anne, for taking the minutes of the meeting.)